

**REMARKS**

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 remain pending the application. Claims 17-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by McDermott (U.S.P. 6,361,190). Claim 24 has been allowed. Claims 15-16 and 23 have deemed allowable but are objected to for depending on a rejected base claim. Applicant hereinabove amends the claims to obviate the Section 112 rejections.

With regard to the prior art rejection, Applicant hereinabove cancels claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer, and to expedite allowance of this case, rewrites claim 14 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 15.

With regard to the Examiner's Statement on Reasons for Allowance, Applicant submits that the claims should be deemed allowable based on their respective recitations, and that some of the claim number designations in the Statement appear to be incorrect.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.


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